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An old bettle between a California siture and a militerantle was witnessed in the Coropan mountains of lower California. It was in the early norning. The big bird had seised the taske behind the bead and was strugging upward with its writhing, deadly burden. The snake's captor appeared ware that its victim was dangerous. The burden was benry, as the reptile

was nearly five feet long.

The grip of the bird on the anake's body was not of the best. The snake acemed to be squirming from its cap-tor's taions, at least sufficiently to en-able it to strike. Its triangular head was seen to recoil and dart at the

It did this once or twice, and then with a shrick the vulture dropped its prey. The bird was probably 500 feet or so above the observers. The as-

or so above the observers. The astonished men were then treated to a
spectacle seidom seen. Few birds but
a vulture could accomplish such a feat.
The instant the snake escaped from
the bird's clutches it dropped earthward like a shot, and like a shot the bird dropped after it, catching it in midair with a grip that caused death At any rate, the snake ceased to wriggle, and the vulture soured away to a mountain peak to devour its hard earned meal.

The Distinguished Guest. Centain Ranbe was a man whose name had weight in the French cavalry. He was a tall man, belonging to the middle aged trooper type. With military qualities of the highest kind. be had a singular bearing, a savage sort of misanthropy and a cynical tongue, which stood in the way of promotion. When he was in the Sixth lancers, on garrison duty at Com-mercy, one of his comrades brought his father to dipe with him at the officers' mess, a man of humble posi-tion and unpretentiously dressed. Cap-tain Ranbe, considering that this guest had not been fitly received, gave expression to his opinion, saying that if the executioner of Commercy had come in evening dress he would have had a better reception. The officers demurring, he made no rejoinder, but shortly afterward came to mess with a guest whose dress was irreproachable. Every one lavished attentions on the unknown. When dinner was over Captain Raabe, raising his glass, proposed the health of "the execution-er of Commercy."

A Clever Acrebat.

A diverting anecdote is told in "Annals of the Liverpool Stage" of an unrehearsed episode that occurred at the Hop, a cheap but popular place of entertainment. A troupe of acrobats were engaged, and one of their number gave a "single turn" in which be displayed his skill as a champion weight lifter. Somebody, however, on mischief bent, changed one of the fif-ty-six pound weights for one made of cardboard. The strong man's vision was impaired by the loss of one eye. but in this instance not unfortunately so. He took the first and second weights, and after having manipulated them he took the third, the one made of cardboard. Realizing in an instant what had been done, he as quickly decided to turn it to his own advantage by throwing three "flipflaps" while holding the dummy weight. He was greeted with a perfect round of applause, and the audience declared it to be the greatest feat they had ever witnessed

Not Built That Way. For the first time the old lady was

about to make a railway journey, and when she arrived at the station she did not know what to do.

"Young man," she seld to a porter, who looked about as old as Methuseiah. "can you tell me where I can get my ticket?

"Why, mum," he replied, "you get it at the boking office through the pl-

Being very stout, she looked at the hole in amazement, and then she burst out in a race:

"Go away with you, you old idiot: How can I get through there? I sin't no blessed pigeon!"-London Answers

An Arrangement Approved.

"So they have reduced the number of trains that stop at your station?" "Yes," answered Mr. Crosslots. "There are only two a day at pres-

ent-one to take us to town in the morning and one to bring us back at night."

"It must be a great disappoint-

"Not at all. When we get a servant now she's obliged to stay at least one day."-Exchange.

Hard to Choose. "Why can't she make a choice be

ween her sultars?" "Well, one of them is a press agent His language is very attractive. But the other is a traveling salesman, and be treats her as if she were a big buyer."-Kansas City Journal.

Badly Expressed. Mabel-1 don't believe you really meant it when you said you were anxlous to hear me sing. Sam-Ob. 1 assure you I did; You see, I had never beard you sing before.-London Pick-

A Good Example.

Father (la a lecturing mood)-You never heard of a man getting into trouble by following a good example. NOR HASWELL'S BOOK STORY the counterfeiter Boston Transcript.

Perambulation.

"I should think Mr. Beetem's debts would keep him walking the floor." "They don't. But they keep a lot of fill collectors walking the streets."-Washington Star.

when ready for shipment, but sewed shut. This method is a damper to cu-ricelty and pilitering. These meta-serve many uses in camps. They take herve many uses in campe. They take the place of and are better than but the place of and are better than in-kets for carrying provisions, etc. Stuff ed with browse, they make a good pillow, long enough for two. They make good sleeping bags also, for, aft er wrapping up in a blanket, pull a bag over your feet and you can roll from side to side without losing cov-ers. One of these bags can be made into an easy chair very nicely as follows: Sharpen two poles at one end other end. Plant the sharp ends in the ground, three feet apart, and lean the roped ends against a tree. Lash each corner of the bag to the poles with cords at a comfortable elevation. Tie ebbles in each corner to keep the cords from slipping. If you don't sit on the ground.-Recreation.

The First English Bible.

The first complete Bible printed in English was issued in 1535 without any publisher's name on it. It was the work of Miles Coverdale, who incorporated, with revisions, Typdale's books of the New Testament of the Pentateuch and of Jonah and for the rest translated from German and Latin versions. It was thus only partly original and in that part just a translation of a translation. No per-fect copy of this Hible is known to ex-

Coverdaie's Bible is called both "the treacle Bible" and "the bug Bible." from two curious renderings. The passage to Jeremiah which we now read, "Is there no baim in Gilead?" is rendered, "Is there no more treacle in Galabad?" And in the Psalms, "Thou shalt not be afraid of the terrors by night," reads "Thou shalt not nede to be frayed for any bugges by night." In the Ninth Psaim, "Put

Undue Haste.

No doubt Dennis apreciated to the full the excellent qualities of Cella. his wife, but he occasionally indulged in a sigh for the liberty of his years of single blessedness. "Yis, 'tis a good wife she makes me." he said to a returned traveler during whose absence the wedding had occurred. "And we was coorting siventeen years. Aileen an' all o' the rest said 'twas time I married or Terry Leahy would be get ting the prize away from me."

"Well, man, you've no regrets, I hope?" said the friend, who had just enjoyed a delicious supper at the hands of Celia. "She's a fine woman."

"Didn't I tell you that?" said Dennis impatiently. "The only thought I iver over me that I might 've waited another year an' still have got her, for Terry was not near so high in her esthimation, after all, as thim womer made out t' me.

"A man in love is always burrying hurrying, ye mind."-Youth's Compan-

Prevaricating Figures. Those to whom the mathematical

mind has not been given will appreclate the fun an Irishwoman, Mrs. La. Touche of Harristown, has with num bers in "The Letters of a Noble wommn."

"I do hate sums," Mrs. La Touche confesses to a friend. "There is uc greater mistake than to call arithmetic an exact science. There are permutations and aberrations discernible to minds entirely noble, like mine; subtle variations which ordinary accountants fall to discern; bidden laws of num bers which it requires a mind like mine to perceive.

"For instance, if you add a sum from the bottom up, and then again from the top down, the result is always different

Enough to Scare Any One.

While out walking with her papa and mamma one day Florence, aged four, ran some little distance at ead As she got near a mule hitched o a farmer's wagon the animal began to bray She wheeled instantly and, running to her mother as fast carshe could go, said in round eved astonishment, "Ob. mamma, samdn' said sumfin'."-Delineator.

A Mean Revenge.
"You seem to be considerably elated

"Yes. I have a friend who is alm store deaf. I took him out home with me last night, and my wife had to sit there all the evening and merely nod and smile while he talked."-Chicago Record-Herald.

She Knew Him.

George (dramatically)-You have decided that I must give ber up? Farewell, then, mother! There is nothing left for me but to go out and destroy myself! Mother-Goodby! Not a minute later than 6 for dinner, George!

"Father," said little Rollo, "what is tolbier

"A foible, my son, is something somebody else is interested in and you're not."-Washington Star.

His Means of Support. Magistrate-Have you any visible neans of support? Prisoner-Yus, yer rushup. (To his wife, a laundress Hemmar, stand up so's the court cas see yer.-Throne and Country.

Don't try to drown your troubles in the flowing bowl. Troubles are ex-

fairy once visited an old couple and promised them that any three wishes they would make would be granted. After racking their brains for some After racking their trains for some time in an endeavor to discover what they desired most the couple decided to visit the county fair to see if some-thing there would suggest what they wanted. They did so, and, after ramoling around all day and not seeing anything that exactly suited them, to ward evening they found themselves before a display of kitchen utensils. Among them was a soup ladle, cheap, but likely to appeal to a woman, so the old woman in an absent moment said. "Ob. I wish I had one of those," and mmediately she had it. The old man thoughtlessly thrown away one valuaide wish that he retorted. "I wish that was stuck down your throat," and imnediately this was done. Thereupon he was at once sorry at what he wished, and the only thing left to do all three wishes went for naught.

How Snakes Get Over Ground. Although the snake appears to have no legs or feet, it may be said to be practically supplied with upward of a hundred pairs of them. In fact, each joint of the backbone bears a pair of ribs, which are mobile and have their points attached to the inner surface of one of the large transverse, platelike scales which clothe the undersurface of the body. Thus by the movements of the ribs attached to it each plate can be drawn forward and its margin applied to the ground. By the successive application of these multitudinous plates the body can be drawn forward in a straight line without its being thrown into undulations from side to side. But ppid movements are also effected by such undulations, and serpents can by pressure and appropriate muscular action climb trees and some-times spring forward. They also swim easily by lateral flexures, but no serthem in fear, O Lord." is rendered by pents advance by vertical bendings of Coverdale as, "Set a schoolmaster over the body, though they are so often drawn in such an attitude.

> Bolivia's Electrical Storms. Owing to the peculiar topographical formation of Bolivia, electric and other phenomena are of constant occurrence the principal zone where such disturbances take place being the Alti planicle, or grand plateau. As the at mosphere is heavily charged with electricity both in summer and winter. dry or electric storms are of frequent occurrence both on the plateau and in the valleys. Before the rainy season sets in electrical accumulation becomes considerable on the plateau region, its most violent manifestations taking place toward the eastern section of the tablelands. An electrical storm in these regions is always a most imposing spectacle, as the tremendous force of the wind, almost equal to a hurricane. and the beavy electrical accumulation in the clouds produce terrible atmospheric explosions, and violent detonations, while the surface of the ground sparkies and crackles.

Vacation by Think. Make a compact with your soul to take a vacation and the way is simple There are pertions of your time over which you have control. Probabit your evenings and your Sundays are your own. Set apart a month or so. Diminate the self assigned tasks for those hours out of business and give yourself up to the pursuit of pleasure. Get others to join you. Call a vacation club. Adopt a real vacation spirit and go in for a good time. Resolve never to speak of work out of business hours. but to fill to the full that time which is your own with re-reations which most appeal to you. Did you ever sing? Sing now. Did you ever paint? Paint now. Remember nature's gifts to you and find occasion to praise nature within as well as without.-Exchange.

He Got It Wrong.

A lady while going downstates to dinner had the misfortune to sten slightly on the dress of a lady in front of her. The man on whose arm the former was leaning said aloud, rudely so that the couple in front might hear "Always getting in the way. like Ba

Upon which the lady whose gow had been tredden on, turning round, replied with a sweet smile:

"Pardon me! It was the angel who stood in the way and the ass which spoke."-Tit-Bits.

Jack-That young Simperly seems such a fragile fellow I should bestate to touch him for fear be would brenk. Sam - He wouldn't besitote about tore hing you if he was broke -London Telegraph.

Why W. men Are Like Tugboats. Blegs-Why are the tugs on the Wisconsin river like the co-eds who walk up and down State street? Muggs-And the answer is? Biggs-Some toe out and some toe in.-Wisconsin Sphinx.

A Subordinate Position. "What is a speaker of a house?" "Your mother is."

"And what are you?" "I suppose I might be called the leader of the minority."-New York

Partly Blank. "What sort of mind has be?" "Well, his chain of thought bas many a missing link."

When it thunders the thief becomes nest - Dunch Proverb.

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